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NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether even after 59 years of Independence, the country still does not have a National War Memorial to remember the soldiers, sailors and airmen who laid down their lives to guard an independent India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for delay in construction of the memorial; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to construct National War Memorial without further delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a)to(d): A concept plan for the National War Memorial, which envisages its location at India Gate Complex, has been presented before the regulatory bodies namely, Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC), the Central Vista Committee (CVC) and the Heritage Conservation Committee (HCC). Ministry of Urban Development has also been approached to assign the land around 'Chhatri' in the India Gate Complex to Ministry of Defence for proceeding in the matter.